

He betook himself very early to the profession of arms, and with such talents, joined to the most unwearied assiduity, no wonder he was singled out as a most rising military genius; even so early as the battle of La-feldt, when scarce twenty, he exerted himself in so masterly a manner at a very critical juncture, that he was promoted to be a major of brigade, and got the highest encomiums from the great officer then at the head of the army.—During the whole war he went on without interruption forming the military character, was present at every engagement, and never passed undistinguished. Even after the peace, whilst others lolled in pleasure's downy lap, he cultivated the arts of war, and introduced (without one act of inhumanity) such regularity and exactness of discipline into his corps, that as long as the six British battalions on the plains of *Minden* are recorded in the annals of Europe, so long will Kingdley's stand amongst the foremost of that day. Of that regiment he continued lieutenant-colonel, till the great minister who roused the sleeping genius of his country called him into higher spheres of action. He was early in the most secret consultations for the attack of Rochfort; and what he would have done there, and what he afterwards did at Louisbourg, are recent in every memory.

He no sooner returned from thence than he was appointed to command the important expedition against Quebec: there his abilities shone in their brightest lustre; in defiance of numberless unforeseen difficulties from the nature of the situation, from the great superiority of numbers, the strength of the place, and his bad state of health, he persevered with unwearied diligence, practising every stratagem of war to effect his grand purposes: at last, alone in opinion, he formed and executed that great, that dangerous, yet necessary plan, which drew